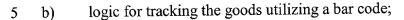
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utilizing a network;

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain
2		management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:
3	a)	sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a
4		network;
5	b)	tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
6	c)	storing results of the tracking in a database; and
7	d)	allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing
8		a network with TCP/IP protocol.
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1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
1	2	The method of claim 1, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-
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2		based interface.
1	4.	The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a
2	••	restaurant.
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1	5.	The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access
2		only after an identity thereof is verified.
1	6.	The method of claim 1, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.
1	7.	A system for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain
2		management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:
3	a)	logic for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant



- 6 c) logic for storing results of the tracking in a database; and
- 7 d) logic for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking
- 8 utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-
- 2 based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a
- 2 restaurant.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access
- 2 only after an identity thereof is verified.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.
- 1 13. A computer program product for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-
- 2 based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:
- 3 a) computer code for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain
- 4 participant utilizing a network;
- 5 b) computer code for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
- 6 c) computer code for storing results of the tracking in a database; and
- 7 d) computer code for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of
- 8 the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
- 2 Internet.

- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a restaurant.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access only after an identity thereof is verified.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.